

13 July 1983

Dr. David Humphrey, Archivist
Lyndon B. Johnson Library
2312 Red River Street
Austin, Texas 70875

Dear Dr. Humphrey:

The attached memorandum of 11 July 1983 from Ms. Barbara Ennis, Director, Policy Development & Coordination Staff, Classification/Declassification Center, Department of State, requests that the following historians and research assistant from the Office of the Historian, Department of State, be given access to certain CIA-originated documents held by the Johnson Library:

David M. Baehler
Ronald D. Landa

Louis J. Smith
Suzanne E. Coffman (archivist
and research assistant)

We understand from Dr. Neal Petersen, Acting Deputy Historian, Department of State, that these members of his staff will be searching for material on the Vietnam War for possible use in the Department of State's Foreign Relations of the United States series.

As I noted in our telephone conversation of 11 July, we have verified Top Secret clearances for the four researchers named above, and are therefore glad to authorize them access to all CIA material at the level of their clearances or lower that is pertinent to the stated subject area of their research. Moreover, as indicated in paragraphs three and four of the enclosed "CIA Access Policy," they are free to take notes and to have copies made of CIA documents, so long as the Johnson Library collects and sends all of these notes and copies (and not just those proposed for declassification, as Ms. Ennis's memorandum suggests) to this office, so that we can arrange for appropriate review to determine whether CIA can release this material for their use. We shall notify you of this Agency's decisions with respect to all documents and notes reviewed.

We are forwarding copies of this authorization to Ms. Ennis and Dr. Petersen at the Department of State, and to Dr. James E. O'Neill, Assistant Archivist for Presidential Libraries, National Archives and Records Service.

With many thanks for your help,

Yours sincerely,


J. Kenneth McDonald
Chief Historian

Enclosures



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

July 11, 1983

MEMORANDUM

TO: DCI/HS - Mr. J. Kenneth MacDonald
Chief Historian
Room 316 AMES
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

FROM: Barbara Ennis *BE: JI*
Director, Policy Development & Coordination Staff
Classification/Declassification Center
Department of State

SUBJECT: Research Trip to Johnson Library, Request
for Access to Material.

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In connection with the collection of material for use in the Foreign Relations Series, a team of Historians and Research Assistants from State will be visiting the Lyndon Baines Johnson Library in Austin, Texas from July 18, to July 22, 1983.

As is customary in such instances, the Department of State would like authorization for the team to see and copy relevant documents which originated in your agency.

The requested access will be for research and copying purposes only. All classified material will remain so until proper declassification is granted by all involved agencies in accordance with the established practice in clearance of volumes in the Foreign Relations Series. Documents copied at the libraries, if chosen for publication, would be sent to the originating agency for declassification and permission to print well in advance of release of the volumes. No publication, of course, would occur without such permission.

I request that you authorize the necessary clearances for the following Department of State Personnel. All have Top Secret clearances:

Ronald D. Landa
Louis J. Smith
David M. Baehler
Suzanne E. Coffman



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In view of the need to proceed with detailed planning and arrangements for the trip to Austin, I would appreciate your giving us your response at your earliest convenience.